

Requesting Member: Congressman GREGG HARPER

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project Name: VePro—Health Usage Monitoring and Vehicle Prognostics

Project Amount: \$2,880,000

Account: Army, Combat Vehicle and Automotive Advanced Technology

Recipient and Address: nCode International, 200 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Better understanding of operational usage severity is critical for vehicle designs to reliably meet needs at minimum cost and weight. VePro will save billions of dollars spent annually on maintaining U.S. Army equipment, improve readiness and reduce danger to soldiers from unexpected vehicle failures. The next stage is to evolve these into scalable, robust cost effective pre-production Vehicle Health Management Systems (VHMS)—technology configuration, manufacturing, assembly and testing for pre-production systems.

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Project Name: F-15C AESA Classified Demo

Project Amount: \$8,000,000

Account: Air Force, F-15E Squadrons

Recipient and Address: Raytheon, Forest Consolidated Manufacturing Center, 19859 Highway 80, Forest, MS 39074

Description of Request: Funding will be used for the final year of a 3-year development effort to demonstrate APG-63(V)3 Active Electronically Scanned Array (AESA) classified capability with a Radar Common Data Link (RCDL). ANG and USAF F-15s are the backbone of forces assigned to perform a significant portion of the Nation's Homeland Defense mission, protecting the United States from attack by an airborne threat. FY10 funding will complete the third and final phase of the 3-year RCDL demonstration program.

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Project Name: Silicon Carbide Electronics Material Producibility Initiative

Project Amount: \$2,400,000

Account: Air Force, Advanced Materials for Weapon Systems

Recipient and Address: II-VI Wide Band Gap Materials Group, 201 Research Blvd., Starkville, MS 39759

Description of Request: Funding will be used to develop technology, and establish production capability, along with evaluation and testing of SiC materials and integrated circuits for use in high power, high frequency DoD weapons systems and platforms. Future mission requirements dictate a range of current and next-generation U.S. Military systems requiring critical high frequency and high power components with dramatically enhanced capabilities which are unattainable with current technology.

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Project Name: Advanced, Long Endurance Unattended Ground Sensor Technologies

Project Amount: \$3,920,000

Account: Defense-Wide, Special Operations Intelligence Systems Development

Recipient and Address: Mississippi State University, P.O. Box 6301, Mississippi State, MS 39762

Description of Request: A significant challenge in modern military operations is the ability to achieve and maintain real-time battlefield situational awareness. Achieving battlefield situational awareness requires the ability to robustly and persistently monitor the movements of the adversary in near real-time across a wide range of operational environments including foliage, mountainous, and urban terrain. This initiative is a follow-on effort to ongoing Mississippi State University Unattended Ground Sensor (UGS) research and development in support of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of the FY 10 Department of Defense Appropriations Act.

Requesting Member: Representative CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

Bill Number: H.R. 3326

Project name: Re-establishing Ties: The Road from Warrior to the Community

Account: OM, ARNG

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Description of Request: This funding would be used to help successfully transition returning soldiers back in civilian life through the NJ National Guard's multi-tiered, reintegration program to address the needs of the returning combat veteran. This program includes: PTSD and TBI Screening; Suicide Prevention Efforts; Small Business Restart Assistance; and Counseling Services, among other benefits.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARFIELD RIDGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates 50 years of service to the community.

Founded in 1959, the Garfield Ridge Chamber has grown to 100 members who work tirelessly to fully embody its motto, "The Neighborhood that Cares and Shares."

The chamber takes great pride in being an active member of the community, participating each year in the Patriot Day Parade and Annual Pumpkin Parade, providing Christmas decorations along a major thoroughfare in the neighborhood, delivering a business directory to 17,500 homes in the area, and recognizing a police officer, firefighter, and teacher of the year at its annual dinner dance.

The chamber's largest event, in which it takes special pride, is the "Snack with Santa,"

at which children are provided with a gift from Santa, snacks, and a puppet show. This year marks the 26th anniversary of the event, which is extremely popular, attracting over 1,300 attendees.

Throughout the year, chamber members show their commitment to the organization and its role in the community at monthly gatherings featuring speakers who keep business owners informed of new developments and innovations.

Through its dedication to service, the Garfield Ridge Chamber of Commerce has contributed immensely to the larger community. As a proud native of Garfield Ridge, I sincerely offer the chamber's many dedicated members my heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of its 50th anniversary.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SHERRI LAWRENCE FOR HER CERTIFICATION BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker,

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has been granted certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, Sherri Lawrence has sufficiently demonstrated adherence and dedication to the five core propositions of teaching set by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards; and

Whereas, due to her hard work and dedication to her profession, Sherri Lawrence was able to achieve this esteemed honor; and

Whereas, we recognize the values and lessons teachers impart to our children; and

Whereas, the creative ingenuity that Sherri Lawrence has demonstrated while educating her students; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with Ohio's 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Sherri Lawrence for her certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

FIRST RESPONDER ANTI-TERRORISM TRAINING RESOURCES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3978, legislation that would permit the Center for Domestic Preparedness to accept gifts and donations in order to better train our Nation's first responders. As Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security, I am pleased that the House is considering this legislation today, and I urge my colleagues to support its passage.

Mr. Speaker, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Center for Domestic Preparedness, Center, is the Nation's leading all-hazards first-responder training center. Located in Anniston, Alabama, the Center has